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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

Elmer Daniels has spent most of his adult life behind bars. Locked up in 1980 at age 18 for a rape he denied any involvement in, the indictment against him was dropped last week, on his 57th birthday, and he was released back into a world of iPhones and ubiquitous internet access. The legal team that got Daniels released said his case exemplifies the nadir of the flaws of the criminal justice system — and was in large part built on alleged junk science at an FBI crime lab that may have tainted thousands of cases. Read more inside and on **metrophilly.us.**

1 ACTRESS, DIRECTOR PENNY MARSHALL DEAD AT 75

Penny Marshall, who played an endearingly graceless character with a thick Bronx accent in television's "Laverne & Shirley" before becoming a pioneering film director with hits including "Big" and "A League of Their Own," has died at 75, her publicist said on Tuesday. Marshall died of complications of diabetes Monday at her home in Hollywood Hills, California, her publicist, Michelle Bega said in a phone interview. Marshall played the unrefined but lovable Laverne DeFazio on "Laverne & Shirley," a sitcom that ran on the ABC network from 1976 to 1983, following the lives of two single women and their nutty friends in 1950s and '60s Milwaukee. Marshall, known for her bluntness, described the success of the series this way: "We dared to be stupid." Marshall, the younger sister of successful TV and film director and producer Garry Marshall, turned to directing after her series ended. Her first film was the underwhelming 1986 Whoopi Goldberg comedy "Jumpin' Jack Flash," but that was followed by the charming 1988 hit "Big," starring fellow former TV sitcom star Tom Hanks.

2 UBER TO RESUME TESTING SELF-DRIVING CARS IN PA

Uber Technologies Inc. received approval from Pennsylvania to resume self-driving car testing on public roads this week, state records show, nine months after it suspended the program following a deadly accident in Arizona. A company spokeswoman said on Tuesday Uber has not yet resumed testing. In November, Uber said it was seeking permission from Pennsylvania to resume testing more than seven months after a deadly self-driving crash in Arizona. Uber said last month that when it resumed testing it would do so with two employees in the front seat, enable an automatic braking system at all times, and more strictly monitor safety employees. Reuters reported earlier this month that after it received approval from Pennsylvania, Uber planned to begin driving "a handful" of cars on a mile loop between two company offices in Pittsburgh, where Uber first debuted its autonomous vehicles in 2016, company spokeswoman Sarah Abboud said. The relaunch is a dramatic downsize from Uber's previous operation.

3 ROYAL CREMATION CEREMONY IN BALI

A white bull sarcophagus containing the royal corpse of Ida I Gusti Ngurah Djelantik XXIV was cremated during a royal cremation ceremony known as Pelebon in Gianyar, Bali, Indonesia, on Tuesday. The ritual honored the deceased, an elder of the Puri Ageng Blahbatuh royal family.

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4 PITTSBURGH CONSIDERING STRICTER GUN LAWS

The Pittsburgh City Council began considering a package of gun-control laws on Tuesday, including a ban on assault-style rifles, nearly two months after a gunman shouting anti-Semitic messages killed 11 people in a synagogue. The measure would also ban certain types of ammunition and allow courts to ban gun ownership by people deemed to pose a significant threat of violence. Seven of nine council members agreed to co-sponsor the legislation at Tuesday's meeting. "As gun violence escalates across the country, it would be unconscionable for me to stand by and do nothing," Councilman Corey O'Connor, one of the legislation's authors, said in a statement. O'Connor represents Squirrel Hill, the neighborhood where the massacre at the Tree of Life synagogue took place. Assault-style weapons, with the capacity to fire multiple rounds in a short period of time, have played a significant role in the series of deadly mass shootings the United States has experienced in recent years. A vote on the legislation is expected to held in February. Gun-rights advocates opposed the measures and threatened legal action if they passed.

5 'STAR WARS" LUCAS LEADS FORBES' CELEB WEALTH LIST

Filmmaker George Lucas' "Star Wars" empire — the movie franchise, not Darth Vader's fictional galactic government — planted him firmly atop Forbes magazine's third annual ranking of the wealthiest U.S. celebrities, which was released on Tuesday. The net worth of the 74-year-old writer, director, producer and creator of the enduring space saga was estimated at $5.4 billion, leading a list that also included athletes, musicians and one wealthy illusionist. Most of Lucas' wealth came from the $4.05 billion sale of the LucasFilm production company to Walt Disney Co. in 2012, Forbes said. The figures on the list are Forbes' estimates based on the celebrities' known holdings of real estate, art and shares of companies both public and private, as well as other assets and estimated lifetime earnings. Reuters has not independently confirmed the figures. Fellow filmmaker Steven Spielberg, who turned 72 on Tuesday, came in second, with an estimated $3.7 billion net worth. Spielberg's career as director, writer and producer spans some 50 years with credits that include "Jaws," "E.T.," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Schindler's List" and "Saving Private Ryan."

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The recovery process is full of ups and downs; challenges and triumphs. Detoxification is the first step in getting sober, but those intense withdrawal symptoms can be overwhelming. Even if you can handle it on your own, detox by itself isn't an effective treatment because what's to stop you from falling back into your old habits again afterwards? The ideal candidate for this program is someone who may have had a lapse in terms of their sobriety, but is unable to recommit to a 30-day program. Detox-only helps them get back on the right track, assuming they have a strong after-care plan in place.

How is it different from other programs?

Our detox-only program and our 30-day residential program are both inpatient experiences. The big difference is that detox-only is really focused primarily on treating those physical symptoms in a medically monitored environment. Patients stay anywhere from five to 10 days. Our 30-day program, on the other hand, is much more comprehensive. After detoxifying, patients then stay on for mental health therapy and education to give them the best odds of success.

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Philadelphia lawyer helps free man locked up for 39 years

Alleged junk science and a shoddy investigation left Daniels to rot in prison, his lawyer says.

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Elmer Daniels was 18 when he was arrested for a rape in Wilmington, Delaware, in January 1980. He walked out of prison last week at age 57, after lawyers uncovered problems with the case so serious — including links to an FBI crime lab scandal affecting thousands of cases the bureau is reviewing — that a judge dismissed the indictment.

Despite having missed the last four decades of life on the outside, Daniels said he is just happy to be free and with his girlfriend in time for the holidays.

"They took something that they can never give me back," Daniels said Tuesday during a press conference at his lawyer's office. "At 18, where were you? Where are you now? I can't identify with any of that. … But hey, I forgive you. Because that's not for you. It's for me."

Less forgiving was Daniels' team, including his lawyer Emeke Igwe, managing attorney of the Igwe Firm in Center City; investigator Terrance Jones; and Delaware attorney Herbert Mondros.

"He's not getting off on a technicality, he's getting off because he's actually innocent," Igwe said. "It was not flawed testimony, it was false testimony."

As Igwe described it, Daniels' arrest and prosecution was an avalanche of errors that went unnoticed for decades.

Daniels, an African-American, was fingered as the suspect who raped a white 15-year-old girl by train tracks near Lovering Avenue and Augustine Cutoff in Wilmington by the white 15-year-old teenage boy who was with her and said the suspect chased him away. The boy — who Igwe contends had been intoxicated, gave conflicting accounts to police, and was ultimately threatened by police with being charged himself with the rape — claimed the rapist was "Elmer," whom he knew from his eighth-grade math class.

It wasn't until Igwe reinvestigated the case and pulled school records that anyone examined this claim — and records show Daniels was in 10th grade at Wilmington High School, while the witness was in eighth grade at Bayard Middle School.

Daniels had an alibi — that he was playing basketball a mile away at Latin American Community Center — and witnesses backed him up at trial.

SAM NEWHOUSE

There was also fingerprint evidence that didn't match up. And even a court-appointed psychiatrist made an off-topic observation in their report that Daniels did not match the physical description of the suspect in the court file — his fingernails were well-manicured, while the suspect's were described by the victim as being bitten down to the cuticles.

But as egregious as these flaws may seem, the prosecution had a powerful ally: the FBI.

Court records show FBI special agent Michael P. Malone reviewed evidence from the rape and claimed to identify Daniels

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using "microscopic hair analysis" — not DNA, but visually comparing hairs, a method the FBI has since acknowledged was problematic. At Daniels' trial, Malone claimed he had a "double match" — that he found Daniels' hair on the victim's underwear, and her hair on his pants. But a copy of an FBI letter from 2017 said in Daniels' case that Malone's hair comparison "exceeds the limits of science."

In 2015, the FBI said it was "working with the Innocence Project to address errors made in statements by FBI examiners prior to December 1999 regarding microscopic hair analysis in the context of testimony or laboratory reports" and is "committed to ensuring that affected defendants are notified of past errors and that justice is done in every instance." Since 1996, the FBI has relied more extensively on DNA evidence testing.

"One can hardly blame the jury for convicting Mr. Daniels based on the false scientific evidence," Igwe acknowledged.

The Delaware Department of Justice was notified in January 2018 that the Daniels case was among the roughly 2,500 cases under review for links to Malone and junk science at the FBI crime lab — some of which led to defendants being put to death. The state offered a commutation and then a pardon, before the office of the Delaware Attorney General moved for the dismissal of the indictment against Daniels based on various evidentiary issues.

"I'm furious, I'm upset, I'm angry. ... It's painfully obvious that Elmer Daniels is an innocent man and was wrongfully convicted."

Terrance Jones, investigator

However, they withheld declaring that Daniels was evident, citing the victim's positive identification of Daniels as her rapist based on his photograph, after reviewing 250 photos. (The victim could not be reached for comment on Daniels' release.)

On Dec. 12, Daniels' 57th birthday, a judge dismissed the indictment against him, leading to his release. In the days since, Daniels said he has been seeing old family members and adjusting to cellphones and Siri in 2018, while trying to work out necessities like obtaining insulin for his diabetes (cut off from prison medical support, Daniels had to go to the emergency room on Dec. 17 to get insulin, his team said).

"I'm furious, I'm upset, I'm angry," said Jones, who worked on the case for Igwe. "It's painfully obvious that Elmer Daniels is an innocent man and was wrongfully convicted."

Igwe and Daniels are in the early stages of a likely lawsuit over his time in prison, but in the meantime are planning to create a nonprofit criminal justice reform foundation, called Absolute Justice.

"My thoughts about that are, now I'm home, and so the work, the real work, is just beginning," Daniels said. "There's a lot of men in prison like me."

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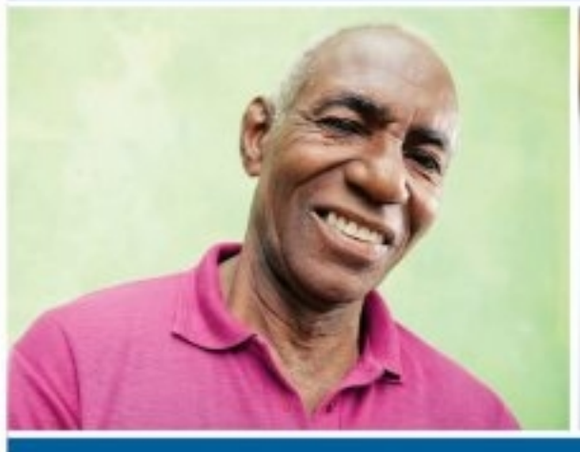

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Former U.S. national security adviser Flynn departs after sentencing hearing. REUTERS IMAGE

Judge blasts Trump ex-adviser Michael Flynn, delays sentencing in Mueller case

"You sold your country out," the judge told Flynn.

A U.S. judge fiercely criticized President Donald Trump's former national security adviser Michael Flynn on Tuesday for lying to FBI agents, and delayed sentencing to ensure Flynn cooperates fully with an investigation into possible collusion between Trump's 2016 campaign and Russia.

During the sentencing hearing, U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan told the retired lieutenant general that he "arguably" had sold out his country. Flynn pleaded guilty in December 2017 to lying to FBI agents about his conversations with Sergei Kislyak, Russia ambassador in Washington at the time.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller, leading the investigation, had asked the judge not to sentence Flynn to prison because Flynn already had provided "substantial" cooperation to prosecutors over the course of many interviews.

But Sullivan told Flynn his behavior was abhorrent, noting that Flynn had also lied to White House officials, who in turn lied to the public.

"Arguably, you sold your country out," Sullivan said. "I'm not hiding my disgust, my disdain for this criminal offense."

The judge also noted that Flynn was operating as an undeclared lobbyist for Turkey even as he worked on Trump's election team and prepared to be his national security adviser.

At one point, the judge asked prosecutors if Flynn could have been charged with treason, although he later said he had not been suggesting such a charge.

Sullivan appeared ready to sentence Flynn to prison but then gave him the option of a delay in his sentencing so that he could fully cooperate with any pending investigations. Flynn accepted that offer.

Prosecutors said Flynn had already provided most of the cooperation that he could, but it was possible he might be able to help investigators further.

Sullivan did not set a new date for sentencing but asked Mueller's team and Flynn's attorney to give him a status report by March 13.

In a separate development on Tuesday, Bijan Rafiekian, Flynn's former business partner, pleaded not guilty in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, after being charged by U.S. prosecutors with unregistered lobbying for Turkey.

Prosecutors say the lobbying effort was aimed at having the United States extradite a Muslim cleric who lives in the United States and is accused by Turkey's government of backing a 2016 coup attempt. Rafiekian's trial date is Feb. 11.

Flynn is expected to testify in that case.

Flynn served as a high-profile adviser to Trump's election campaign team, and at the Republican Party's national convention in 2016 he led Trump's supporters in cries of "Lock her up!" directed against Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. He became national security adviser when Trump took office in January 2017 but lasted only 24 days before being ousted.

He told FBI investigators on Jan. 24, 2017, that he had not discussed with Kislyak U.S. sanctions imposed on Russia by the administration of Trump's Democratic predecessor Barack Obama, when in fact he had, according to his plea agreement. REUTERS

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— **Rebecca Taub,** *Metro US reader*

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A RAY OF HOPE

By now you've probably read the incredible tearjerker of a story about a journalist's late father and his unlikely friendship with NBA legend Charles Barkley. **Shirley Wang**, a former Metro intern, took the internet by storm over the weekend with her incredible piece for Boston NPR affiliate WBUR, and for good reason. This heartwarming tale of friendship is a testament to how we should always be there for our fellow man, showcasing the best of humanity. In such tough and divisive times, we need more stories like this.

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Aries Count your money before you decide to spend it. Sticking to a budget will help you enjoy the spirit of the season without the worry and stress. Love doesn't have a price tag.

Taurus Feel the spirit of the season and get gussied up. If you look your best and add a little bling to your everyday style, it will make you feel good.

Gemini You'll be easily enticed into overdoing it. Whether it's taking on too much or being a spendthrift, it will not bring you the joy you hoped for. Stick to moderate behavior.

Cancer Put time aside for a loved one. Making special plans, enjoying a romantic evening and sprucing up your looks will lead to a unique experience. An early gift will surprise you.

Leo Don't let your emotions take the reins. If you make a fuss, your plans will backfire. You are best off partying with friends or picking up an impromptu surprise for someone.

Virgo Problems will mount if you let a situation escalate. Address any issue that arises and avoid a run-in that could ruin your day. Be considerate, but don't be someone's doormat.

Libra A celebration is a great idea, as long as you don't overdo it or invite co-workers. Try to avoid being talked about.

Scorpio Touch base with people you may not get to see before the end of the year. Sharing ideas will lead to an interesting thought regarding how you can please a loved one.

Sagittarius Problems while traveling or dealing with authority figures will set you back due to delays and poor documentation. Settle in at home and prepare for upcoming events.

Capricorn Home is where your heart should be. Doing things with loved ones and agreeably taking part in family-oriented activities will make you feel good about life.

Aquarius Be kind, humble and gracious, even when dealing with people you don't care for. Use intelligence and charm to put others at ease.

Pisces Collect an old debt or pay back someone you owe. Compromise will help make this a day to be fondly remembered. Stick to the truth and practice moderation. EUGENIA LAST

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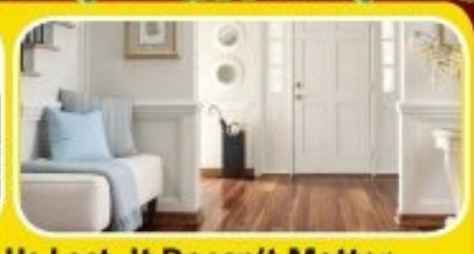

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'Mary Poppins Returns' makes you feel like a kid again

LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

Actor, writer and producer Lin-Manuel Miranda talked with Metro about how happy he is to be part of the relaunch of Disney's classic musical.

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After 54 years, Mary Poppins is back in theaters with "Mary Poppins Returns," a sequel set 25 years after the original Disney classic.

Directed by Oscar winner Rob Marshall, the film features Jack as one of the main characters, a street lamplighter played by actor, dancer and producer Lin-Manuel Miranda. The "Hamilton" creator and star talked with Metro about his experiences on "Mary Poppins Returns."

What did you feel when you found out you'd be part of the relaunch of "Mary Poppins"?

I can't say it's a dream come true, because who would have imagined there would be a sequel to "Mary Poppins"? But when Rob Marshall had a coffee with me one day when I was still working on "Hamilton," he told me that Emily Blunt was going to play Mary Poppins, I think she's amazing and unique. So I said, "I'm in." Being part of an original musical for film is a very rare thing. I wanted to learn from Rob, because I think he is one of the best musical directors today. I was very happy to be part of this.

It's a big responsibility to be part of a Disney classic.

What's great about Rob is that you don't feel the responsibility — he's the one who feels it, and he gives you total confidence and supports you. So we enjoyed the shooting a lot and tried not to think about the first film, just make the new one. You know there are eight Mary Poppins books, and there are adventures in those books that haven't made it to the cinema. So the responsibility was to tell our story as well as we could and just create the best movie possible.

What can you tell us about your character, Jack?

Jack is a bluffer; it's also a beautiful metaphor for what he does. In the first song he sings, "(Underneath the) Lovely London Sky," what we know about Jack is that he is always looking for light in every situation. He is a student of Bert, and is the same age as Michael Banks. But this new film happens 25 years after the original, so they have grown up. What he knows is that when Mary Poppins arrives, they are going to have an adventure.

Are you and Jack alike?

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Some people don't like musicals in cinema.
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How was it working with Emily and everyone?
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"What I love about this film is that for about two hours you can remember what it feels to live the wonder of being a child."

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What's next for your career?
I keep writing, acting. I go where inspiration takes me. My next film is as a producer. We're making "In the Heights." We're going to shoot it next year in Washington Heights, in my neighborhood, in Upper Manhattan. I am so looking forward to working on it with Jon M. Chu, who directed "Crazy Rich Asians."

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This pleasurable gala will have everything from fun entertainment to delicacies prepared by renowned chefs hailing from all over to home-brewed craft cocktails from the popular New Liberty Distillery. Guests can enjoy all of the indulgent bites and spirits by using Curator Bucks (the gala's version of food and drink vouchers.) With Curator Bucks, every visitor's taste buds will go on a journey of holiday-inspired sweet and savory dishes provided by culinary experts, all paired of course with decadent wines and liquors.

The already extravagant event also has VIP options available. Curator Events and New Liberty Distillery teamed up to provide any Philadelphian who wants to upgrade early entrance to the distillery to check out the available foods prepared and take a private tour of the distillery (which includes special tastings of the available spirits) and much more.

Food and drink is just the start: Curator Events is, of course, showcasing plenty of gorgeous curated artwork. The artwork will be displayed throughout the building and guests can enter for a chance to win one of the coveted pieces through a silent auction. If artwork doesn't do it for you, there will still be something for everyone with holiday-themed gifts in the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to Philadelphia Youth Peace to help further their initiatives in reducing trauma among Philadelphia's youth.

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If Phils don't land Machado, Moustakas could be backup option

The 30-year-old third baseman would be a solid upgrade over Maikel Franco.

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We are officially a month into the MLB offseason and the hot stove is still simmering with rumors swirling around the most interesting team in baseball: the Philadelphia Phillies.

Leading up to the Winter Meetings, we heard that the Phillies would spend big bucks. However, they have not done that yet as they passed on free-agent starting pitcher Patrick Corbin, who signed a colossal six-year, $140 million deal with the Washington Nationals.

Since they did not dish out money for Corbin, it leaves more for superstars Bryce Harper and Manny Machado. Both generational talents are expected to land long-term contracts upwards of $300 million, which means only a few teams will be able to afford them.

The Phillies are one of the teams that could afford both players, but will more than likely only sign one. If Philly decides not to sign Machado for whatever reason, they do have their eyes on a solid backup option.

Jon Heyman of Fancred wrote in his latest column from last week that the Phillies have considered free-agent third baseman Mike Moustakas as an alternate option. This is not the first time that we have heard Moustakas' name connected to the Phillies.

Before the trade deadline commenced in July, Philadelphia reportedly had preliminary talks with the Kansas City Royals for the veteran third baseman. Moustakas was eventually traded to the Milwaukee Brewers, who won the NL Central and went on to play in the NLCS against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

In his limited time with the Brewers, the 30-year-old third baseman hit a modest .256/.326/.441 with eight home runs and 33 RBI (195 plate appearances). However, he made a significant impact in the postseason. Against the Colorado Rockies in the NLDS, Moustakas hit .364/.462/.455 with two RBI and drew two walks.

Before he was traded to Milwaukee, the veteran third baseman spent eight years with the Royals and played a huge role in their 2015 World Series run.

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Both generational talents are expected to land long-term contracts upwards of $300 million.

In 98 games last season with Kansas City, he hit a pedestrian .249/.309/.468 with 20 home runs and 62 RBI. But he only struck out 63 times and drew 30 walks, which fits in with Gabe Kapler's philosophy of patience at the plate.

When you compare Moustakas' stats to Phillies' current third baseman Maikel Franco, who has drawn some interest this offseason, he would be an immediate upgrade.

Outside of his hitting, Moustakas is a better fielder than the 26-year-old Franco. Moustakas only committed 12 errors in 356 chances with a fielding percentage of .966 (lgFld% Avg. is .958) in 128 games last season.

Franco, however, committed 15 errors in 296 chances with a fielding percentage of .949.

Nevertheless, it would be surprising to see Moustakas donning the red pinstripes because it's been reported that the Phillies prefer Machado over Harper.

But at the end of the day, we know that money talks when it comes to free agency. If either Harper or Machado gets that godfather offer from the Phillies or another team, do not be surprised to see them take it.

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Report: Sixers showed interest in KCP

The 25-year-old guard is currently playing on a one-year deal with the Los Angeles Lakers.

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Since the Sixers acquired two-way star guard Jimmy Butler from the Minnesota Timberwolves in a blockbuster deal last month, it has given them a boost in wins and another legitimate playmaker on the perimeter. But at the same time, they are lacking consistent shooting and production off of the bench.

The Sixers are currently leaning on the likes of Landry Shamet, T.J. McConnell, Furkan Korkmaz, and Mike Muscala to provide some type of offense. But to no avail, it has not worked out for them.

Without having consistent scoring off the bench, it puts a lot of strain on the starters to play extra minutes and get out to a large lead.

With that being known, the Sixers have been mentioned in a few trade rumors involving Carmelo Anthony, Kyle Korver, and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope.

While Korver was traded to the Utah Jazz recently, Caldwell-Pope is still a viable fit for many teams that are looking for a shooter. Last week, Tania Ganguli of the Los Angeles Times reported that the 76ers were considered a possible landing spot for the veteran guard.

However, this was around the time that the Lakers and Phoenix Suns were working on a potential three-team deal involving veteran wing player Trevor Ariza.

Ariza ultimately ended up being traded to the Washington Wizards over the weekend, while Caldwell-Pope is still on the Lakers' bench. That being said, there is still a chance he could be moved, but it won't be to the Sixers.

Kevin O' Connor of The Ringer wrote on Monday that the Lakers are unwilling to take on any future salary when it comes to a potential deal for Caldwell-Pope, which complicates things for the Sixers. O'Connor initially reported last month that Philadelphia was interested in the 25-year-old guard.

It does not come as a surprise to see the Lakers not willing to take on any long-term salary as they have big plans next summer. Los Angeles wants to sign a big-time free agent to go along with LeBron James and their young core.

The Sixers, however, really do not have anything of value to offer to Los Angeles. The only tradeable piece that they had left was Jerryd Bayless, but he was used in the blockbuster trade for Butler.

This season, in limited action Caldwell-Pope is averaging 9.2 points per game, while shooting 40.7 percent from the field and 36 percent from three-point range on 4.2 attempts per game.

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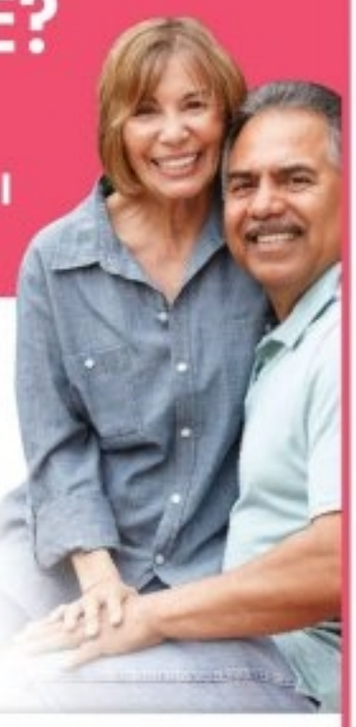

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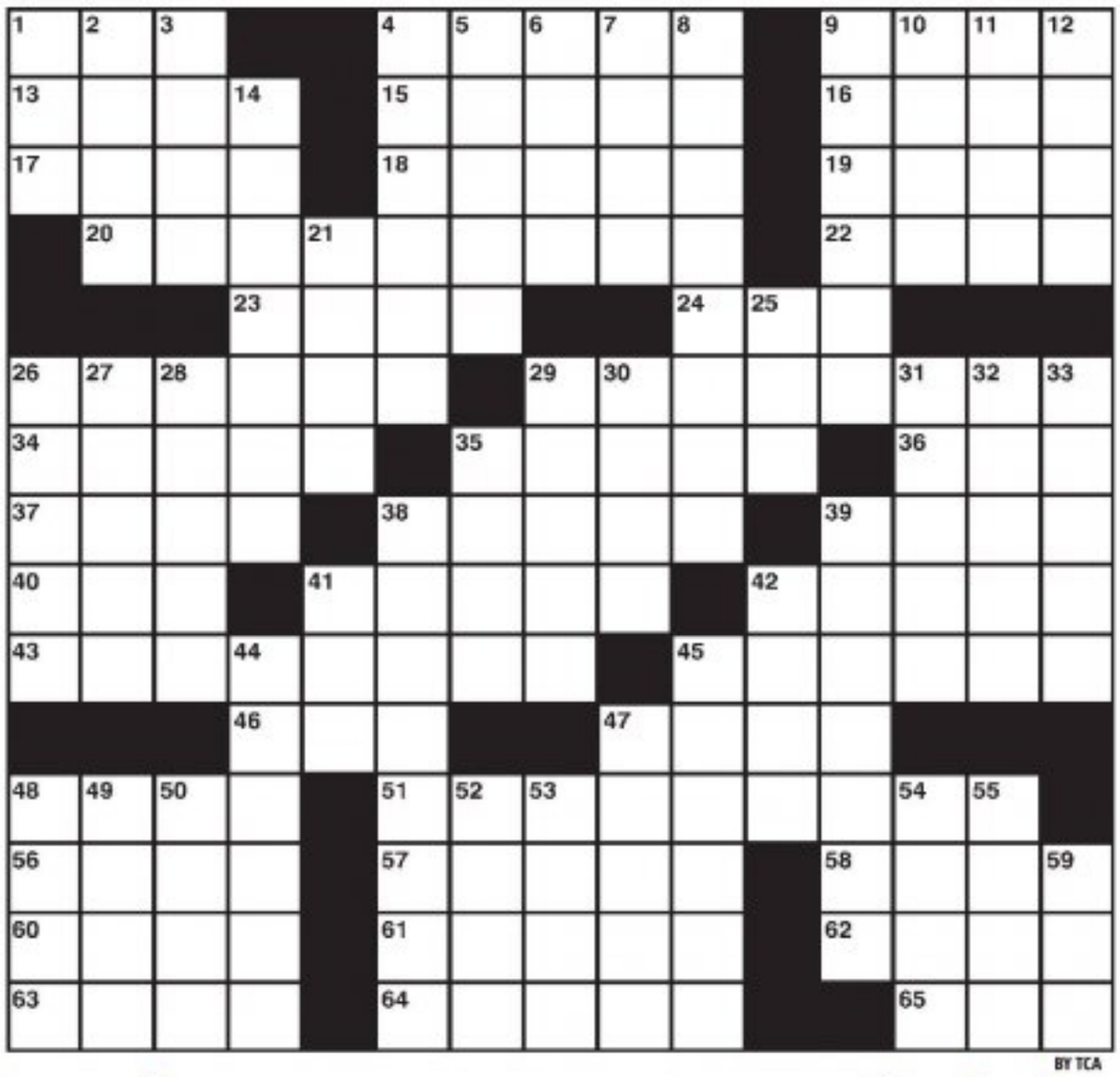

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42 Paddled boat
43 Goes in again
45 Inventor's paper
46 Ames & Asner
47 Thick porridge
48 Soldier's dinner
51 Override; take the place of
56 Region
57 Bring together
58 Cincinnati team
60 Jungle beasts
61 Annoys
62 Wise man
63 Take a nap
64 Chris with a racket
65 Reuben bread

DOWN

1 TV's "__ in the Family"
2 Baltic and Adriatic
3 Poison ivy symptom
4 Say again
5 Rejoice
6 Yearn
7 Antlered animals
8 Diminished
9 Mr. Einstein
10 Baby kangaroo
11 Competent
12 Goes bad
14 Spring and summer
21 Disarray
25 Assistance
26 Amphetamine
27 Rudely brief
28 Bullwinkle, for one
29 Female animals
30 Stein drinks
31 Give one's views
32 Nobleman
33 Valuable item
35 Actor Max __ Jr.
38 Under __; stressed out
39 Family members
41 Floral wire service
42 Late singer __ Elliot
44 Most modern
45 Most immaculate
47 Slightly more than a yard
48 Russian ruler of old
49 Actress Lange
50 Dollar bills
52 UCLA or USC
53 Stack
54 Letter opener
55 Jittery
59 Observe

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Brokeback
Crawler
Darko
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Gyllenhaal
Jake
Jarhead
Mountain
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